

# US 29 South Corridor Advisory Committee Breakout Meeting

## Montgomery County **RAPID TRANSIT**

BRT CORRIDOR STUDIES

Executive Office Building  
Rockville, Maryland  
February 21, 2015



# Welcome & Introductions

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## Study Team members:

- Jennifer Kellar - Facilitator
- Lauren Garrett & Kelly Stoll - Facilitation Assistants
- Andrew Bing - Public Outreach & Facilitation Lead
- Jamaica Arnold - SHA Project Manager
- Joana Conklin - County RTS Program Manager
- Brian Lange - Consultant Project Manager
- Josh Crunkleton - Consultant Project Engineer

# CAC Member Introductions

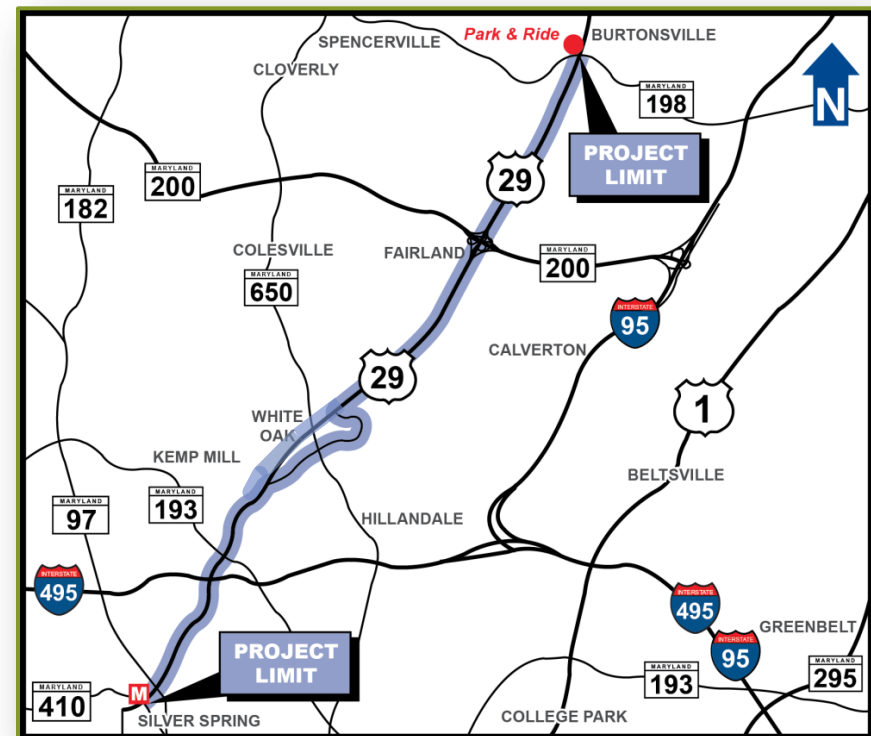
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Members, please share:

- Your name
- Your affiliation (Residential, Business, etc.)
- Something you learned during the General Session  
(notes from index card)

# Study Area Overview

- 12-mile corridor has mix of four-to-six lane divided and undivided sections
- There are 25 signalized intersections and six grade separated interchanges
- US 29 North of MD 650 is urban freeway with posted speeds 45 to 55 mph
- US 29 South of MD 650 is urban arterial with posted speeds 30 to 35 mph
- Existing WMATA Metrobus & County Ride-On bus services



# Map Activity

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Using the numbered stickers, show on the map those transportation-related elements that affect you and members of your community:

- Areas of congestion
- Transit Stops you use/would use
- Locations of safety concerns
- Mobility needs

# Mission Statement

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The MD 355, MD 586 and US 29 Corridor Advisory Committees will:

- Give community participants the opportunity to provide input to all planning and design
- Provide the opportunity to discuss study assumptions and methodologies
- Fulfill County Council requirements for transparency and community involvement
- Provide the opportunity for interaction and information-sharing among impacted residents/communities, property owners of businesses/institutions, transportation agency representatives, and transportation system users
- Study and discuss potential community impacts in a comprehensive manner that supports cost-effective and context- and community- sensitive implementation outcomes
- Serve as a clearinghouse for sharing of timely and accurate information on the studies and plans in each corridor
- Share information from the CAC meetings with the community groups that you represent and share input received from them during subsequent CAC meetings
- Provide leadership and build consensus within the community to coalesce diverse interests and address stakeholder issues



# Ground Rules

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## How we treat each other:

- Each member has an equal right to speak and ask questions
- All concerns and issues should be raised during the CAC meetings
- Each member is encouraged to share individual viewpoints. Individual opinions are valid whether others agree with them or not.
- We will listen to, respect and seek to understand the views of others, particularly those perspectives that differ from our own
- Disagreements will be explored not suppressed. In some instances, however, disagreements may be discussed outside of meetings so that we are not distracted from achieving the purpose of the meetings.
- We will be courteous when addressing other members, staff and consultants
- We will refrain from interrupting each other, staff or consultants
- We will keep our comments relevant to the topic under discussion
- The CAC facilitator is responsible for running the meeting and covering each agenda item; please respect their approach and partner with them to ensure the best and most productive meeting environment

# Ground Rules

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How we provide feedback and how the feedback will be used:

- The CAC is an advisory group; not a decision-making group
- The CAC will not take votes; but rather provide input/feedback
- Information will be presented to the CAC and the project team will seek input/feedback from the CAC members
- The project team will summarize the input/feedback provided by the CAC and publish the meeting summary on the project website
- Information will not be repeated from one meeting to the next; if a CAC member misses a meeting it is his/her responsibility to review information from that meeting and/or speak with the CAC facilitator to stay up to date
- Members may designate an alternate to attend and participate in discussions in his or her absence
- Non-members may attend meetings as observers. However, non-members will not participate in the meetings. If there is time available at the end of meetings the facilitator may allow comments from members of the public in attendance.



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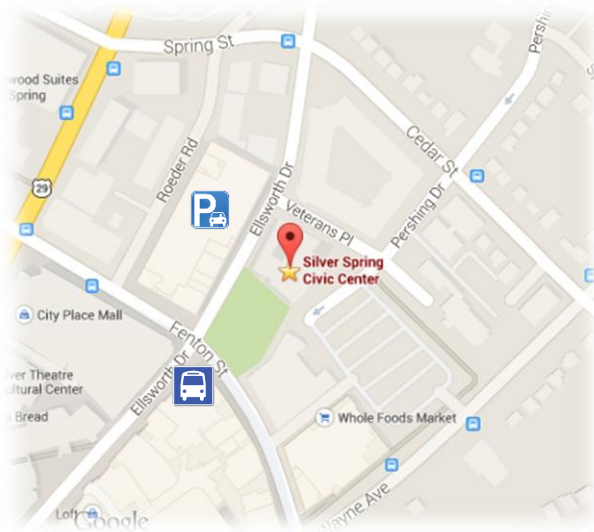
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How we communicate with those outside the CAC:

- It is expected that CAC members will share information with other stakeholders and be a liaison between the CAC and the constituency they represent
- When speaking about the work of the CAC outside of meetings, CAC members are speaking for themselves only
- Draft materials shared by and among members, staff and consultants shall be treated as working papers

# Future Meeting Schedule & Logistics

- Next Meeting: March 24, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Location: Silver Spring Civic Center, Fenton Room



1 Veterans Place  
Silver Spring, MD 20910



Accessible via WMATA Route F4, and  
Ride-On Routes 16, 17, and 20  
Stop at corner of Fenton St and Ellsworth Dr.



Parking Available at “Garage 61”  
801 Ellsworth Drive (across from Civic Center)  
Parking is Free after 6 pm

# Feedback Form

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Please fill out the provided feedback form:

- You may return the completed form to a member of Study Team today; or
- You may scan and email the form to your facilitation team at [Lauren.Garrett@aecom.com](mailto:Lauren.Garrett@aecom.com); or
- You may mail your form to:

Lauren Garrett, AECOM  
430 National Business Parkway, Suite 400  
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701

# Closing Comments

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- Questions
- Suggestions for next meeting and moving forward
- Additional questions, please contact Jennifer Kellar at [Jennifer.Kellar@aecom.com](mailto:Jennifer.Kellar@aecom.com) or 443-794-2682

# Adjournment

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- Thank you for participating in the Montgomery County Rapid Transit System Corridor Advisory Committee for the US 29 BRT Corridor Study
- We look forward to receiving your input as we evaluate Bus Rapid Transit options along the US 29 Corridor